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Pilot Powers' Wife Rushed to Hospital; Illness a Mystery

Shortly after 3:30 a.m. Friday, an ambulance sped through Alexandria, Va., a Washington suburb. Unconscious on its stretcher was Mrs. Barbara Powers, 27. By her side was her husband, former U-2 pilot Francis Gary Powers.

By mid-morning, Mrs. Powers, out of danger, had been transferred from an Alexandria hospital to one in Washington. But a mystery had grown up around the incident.

Washington police said she had been treated for a dose of 28 sleeping pills. Her doctor said there was "no factual data bearing out the police report" and that she had been treated for "acute indigestion."

The Powers family had lived almost unnoticed in the Washington area since the flyer was released from a Russian prison early in February. He is still a \$30,000-a-year employe of the Central Intelligence Agency.